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Letter dated 12 April 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 22 March 2018 from Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, in reference to the summit of the troop-contributing countries to the African Union Mission in Somalia, held on 2 March 2018 at Munyonyo, Kampala, and its final communiqué.

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 29, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Adonia **Ayebare**
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As you are aware, on 2 March 2018 I convened a summit of Heads of State and Government of troop-contributing countries to the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) in Kampala.

The summit was convened in the wake of the challenges AMISOM is facing, which are characterized by a mismatch between the ideals of the Mission and its resources, and following the adoption by the Security Council of its resolution 2372 (2017) in August 2017, in which it called for the phased reduction and drawdown of AMISOM troops.

The summit was attended by representatives of troop-contributing countries, Somalia, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development and the African Union. AMISOM troop-contributing countries also held a meeting with representatives of regional and international partners. The outcome of the meeting was a final communiqué (available from https://igad.int/attachments/article/1765/030318-communique-tc-somalia.pdf).

Against many odds, AMISOM, working side by side with the Somalia National Army, has made significant strides in fulfilling its mandate. I commend the United Nations and your leadership in particular for the support given to stabilizing Somalia; however, more needs to be done to address the acute level of need in the country.

The region is counting on your continued support to ensure that the necessary steps are taken to consolidate the gains made in Somalia already.

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council and the General Assembly.

(*Signed*) Yoweri Kaguta **Museveni**
President of the Republic of Uganda

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